ION CAN'T BLUFF ELECTORS Demand Real Issues DPEN LETTER ues Will Not B ed, Says Douglas McArthur Testar out a diam

tter to the electors:

-In the campaign now the public are aware of which the scandal mon n at work. I need not that efforts along that fair or decent argument the long run appeals of other kinds can only be vass and deliberate state Side issues will not be the fair-minded electors ituency and the electors in the mind the main are: Have the Liberal the ship of state in a ends itself to the peo-? Have we had prospereral rule? Have we had we increased our trade? d the strain of the greatrisis the world has ever the past two years? than any other nation Have we not added ss? Continually in th above facts and has not the ship Canada come under the able leader lifrid Laurier in better ever before? And does tand higher in the estinations than ever? Contion today with that of ago, and, lest we forge urther and, electors, ask t would be in your inthe bidding of the Con ers and dismiss Finance ing and place in his ain of the ship George E elected of Kings. York who is now fighting for fe in North Toronto, and se they say it is time for

hat is no argument and ame cry all over Canada of the Conservative leadlosing I wish to call the he electors to a question used under cover in the ncing the vote of a certhe people of Canada. I amphlet emanating from office, which pamphlet part of the story of the re the autonomy bills. rs ,ohly a few words on but enough to show the the Conservative leader call your attention to

DR. PUGSLEY SILENCES LAST SCANDAL YELP OF MAYES ACCUSATIONS Will Make Full Official Enquiry Into the McAvity Charges Every Charge Against Himself Completely Disproved - this was received with cheers, and

Correspondence Shows He Has Held to His Duty in Face of Strong Pressure Even, From Political Friends -

Hon. Wm. Pugsley is still continuing interest, direct or indirect of any kind his vigorous canvass from one end or description, either with Mr. Mayes of the county to the other. Last night or Mr. McAvity in this dredging con-he addressed two most successful ral- tract and received no benefit whatever ics in the interests of the Liberal from the moneys which Mr. McAvity received out of the dredging work. So He first attended the meeting at Lit- fas as the relations between Mr. Mc-

the River, where he was greeted by a Avity and Mr. Mayes are concerned, very large representation of the elec- with them I had nothing whatever to torate of that district. He delivered a do," speech on the broad issues of the cam-Hon. H. A. McKeown, who was the aign and paid especial attention to first speaker, was received with aphe development of Courtenay Bay. plause. Leaving Little River he addressed the After touching on the scandal charges

West St. John, where he addressed the he turned to the issues of the camrally held under the auspices of the paign. He referred to the visit of Mr. Young Liberal Club. Here he was giv-Bowser to West St. John and his reen a magnificent reception by a crowdmarks on Asiatic immigration into d house. His speech, which was one Canada and said Mr. Bowser had tried of the most effective he has delivered to throw the blame on the Dominion in the campaign, touched on many of government. He said he would relate the more important issues before the the circumstances and leave the audipeople, giving special attention to the ence to judge whether this was right. Mayes' charges. No clearer answer to He explained the Japanese system of his detractors could be given than his

registering every inhabitant and West End speech last night. showed that every emigrant must get At Little River Dr. Pugsley was given permission to leave and declare their a great ovation by the crowd present the Liberal meting. The gathering was held in the school house, which record of all emigration, and they rewas crowded to its fullest capacity. quire them to declare their willling-Lee acted as chairman. ness to return if needed. There must Hon. H. A. McKeown and John Keeffe be some guarantee that they will reput the general issues of the day be-

turn. fore the meeting in an effective man-In 1897 a company was chartered by er, and were given a good reception. the government of British Columbia,

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by the gathering.

John before attempting to provide terminal facilities for the railway. If this were done the railway would be driven the C. P. R., instructing the immigrato seek an cutlet for its trade at some tion agent at Vancouver that they other port. would need five hundred to two thouforty years, as Dr. Daniel had pre-dicted. To show how this could be T. P. had no contract with any one done, he told of having closed a confor the employ of Japanese labor. He place. tract for a dredge for use in British had informed the agent of the immi-Columbia which would dredge 1,000 gration company that no such laborers cubic yards per hour. were needed on their railway. The Minister pointed out how the ABSOLVED FROM BLAME. levelopment of the port would help all the surrounding districts in addi-The records showed that the governtion to building up St. John. ment of Canada was absolved from all The discovery that Courtenay Bay blame in the matter. No man could be available as a port is the greatest held more responsible than the gentlediscovery ever made in the city of St. man who had raised the issue in St. John," said the Minister. "It is better John. Mr. Bowsen was, the attorney than a diamond mine, because a dia- general of the province of British Comond mine gives out in time, but this lumbia when the Nippon Supply Comwill be more valuable to the city from pany applied for a charter. If he had year to year and will provide work for then been opposed to Oriental immihundreds of people.' gration he could have prevented them from obtaining their charter. Mr. Bowser had intimated that the Japan-Final Answer to Mayes ese labor would oust the Canadian At the West Side meeting Dr. Pugsworking man, but he declared "This is ley was given one of the greatest ova-tions he had received this fall. He help a white man's country and by God's help a white man's country it shall regave an admirable speech covering a main." wide range of subjects and dealing ef-particular attention to a final demolithat it had been declared that the detion of the Mayes scandals, proving not velopment would continue no matter only that they were false in every parwhich government was returned." He ular relating to himself, but also pointed out that development would that in carrying out his public duty not be needed without an equal develhe was forced from the beginning of opment of the country's import and exhis ministry to resist repeated demands not only from Mr. Mayes, but port trade. The speaker did not believe that in Darfy from Mr. McAvity. view of the history of the port and With reference to Mayes' alleged relooking to the future they would turn lations with Mr. McAvity he said Mayes' proven fasehoods in every their backs on the man who had done other regard discredited his statement more for the port than any man had. ever done and would do more than any in this connection. Personally headid, other living man. On the conclusion not for a moment believe the statement of his speech, Mr. McKeown was. that Mr. McAvity used his influence greeted with tremendous applause. either with Mayes or the department to have the first contract awarded to WM. B. WALLACE. Mayes at a higher rate than the first The chairman then introduced Wm. tender, but since the charge had been B. Wallace, who said he would speak definitely made he felt it his duty to to those before him as an independen have full inquiry made into the whole citizen. He spoke of the prosperity matter, so that the government and Canada had enjoyed during the past the country may be put in possession twelve years and said that, the govof the truth. ernment was entitled to the confidence "For one reason," said the Minister, of the people for the way it had "I am glad that the mater has been handled the country's affairs. As an made public, because my opponents example of Canada's prosperity, he rehave been circulating the story that I ferred to the facts that the country was receiving some benefit from the had scarcely felt the recent depression Mayes dredging contract. The correspondence which has already been puband also that during the last year Montreal had exported as much grain lished should be sufficient to prove that these insinuations are unfounded, as any five United States ports. As

existed while the House was in ses and he challenged anyone to show that single charge had been successfully made in the house of parliamen against a member of the Laurier gov rnment. According to English law a nan is innocent until he is proved guilty, and the opposition, had failed prove any of their charges. The op tion, he said, had no progressive latform and had to fall back on scanal charges The speaker asked if the records ved that the Conservative policy. done anything for the laboring

nen, and was answered by cries of 'No, no!" He compared with their scord the progressive labor policy of he Liberal government. HONORARY PRESIDENT LAURIER The speaker in concluding said that n answer to a letter from the Young Liberal Club he had just received a communication from Sir Wilfrid Lau-rier in which he had, expressed his pleasure in accepting the position nonorary president of the St. John Young Liberal Club, This announce eers for Mr. Barry. S. B. Smith was next introduced and gave briefly the reasons why Pugsley and Pender should be supported by the citizens of West St. John. The de-

elopment of the West Side had been due to the efforts of the Liberal party and no one could be more reasonably expected 'to support Dr.' Pugsley than those who had profited by the work of his department and who would profit by it in future. He showed by figures the great increase in the amoun

of work given to St. John under Liberal rule. He predicted that it would take a bigger dredge than the Beaver to dig Dr. Daniel and Dr. MacRae out from under the shower of ballots after next Monday. Warm applause was given to the speaker at the conclusion of his remarks

W. B. Farris was announced next speaker. He gave a good lively campaign address enlivened by several necdotes and his remarks were very well received by the crowd. He had had scarcely got started, however when Hon, Mr. Pugsley entered and Mr. FarMs gracefully withdrew. When Hon. Wm. Pugsley entered the hall he was greeted with a perfect uproar of applause, cheer after chee ringing out in his honor. Mr. Pugsley said that he had just returned from Little River, where they had had a very fine meeting. He spoke

destination before leaving the country. of his campaign throughout the coun-In this way the government has a full try, saying that he had never met such enthusiasm as had greeted him recent USING THE MUCK-RAKE.

The Conservatives, he said, had told hem little about the issues of the

day. They had devoted themselves to wielding the muck-rake. So much had been said about him in this campaign of which Mr. Bowser was a membr. to. that he did not wish to add very much secure these immigrants. Not a man

Mr. Pugsley took as his chief sub-fect at Little River the development of Countemax, Bay He referred to Dr. Daniel's sneers at the work and show-ed how unwise it would be to wait until the G. T. P. had reached Saint party, the Canadian Pacific Railway pen reminding him of any indebted-Co. To prove this he quoted a letter ness to the province. He then dealt SENTING TO MR. OSMAN AND his contract WAS OBTAINED IN THE DREDGE BY FALSELY REPRE- letter touwhich I have referred, that lows: OTHERS THAT HE HAD PAID ME REGULAR WAY AFTER PUBLIC provincial secretary had dealt with his MONEY AFTER I BECAME A MINoffer to arbitrate his account with the ISTER, AND SO IMMORAL WERE Regarding the time required to do would need five hundred to two thou-the dredging he said that this would sand laborers per year. He also read take only about four years instead of a letter from the purchasing agent of forty years, as Dr. Daniel had pre-the G. T. P., who stated that the G. son ERAL CAMPAIGN FUND PROVED the Liberal party who could take his BEYOND ANY REASONAMLE dredging silt and sand was raised by The question was asked whether or no they were soins to support the Liberal party which had done so much DOUBT, NOTWITHSTANDING HIS 6 cents per cubic yard, namely DENTALS, THAT THE PUBLIC 49 cents to 55, beyond what it had MUST REFUSE TO ACCEPT HIS STATEMENT THAT HE WAS IN- for boulders was lowered by 30 cents for the greatness of Canada? He asked if they were going to go back on the party which had by its policy built up DUCED' BY MR. MCAVITY TO per cubic yard, viz., from \$8.90 to \$8.60 ALTER HIS TENDER, OR-AS TO In view of the fact that it was anticiparty which had by its policy built up the trade of the country and cement-ed Canada to the empire by its trade policy. He pointed out that Canada's whole foreign trade in 1896 amounted to only \$237,000,000 and that under Lib-THEIR BUSINESS RELATIONS. As pated that there were many boulders to his alleged conversations with me, I say emphatically that his statements as to this I have no knowledge, nor would 'av department have any know in this respect ARE A TISSUE OF FALSEHOODS CONJURED UP IN ledge) that Mr. Mayes and Mr. Mceral rule it had reached in twelve Avity may have thought that by lower-HIS DISEASED IMAGINATION. years the enormous sum of \$650,000,000. This increase in trade had immense ing the price for boulders by 30 cents As the business affairs of Mr. Mc-Avity and Mr. Mayes are now the suband increasing the price for silt and ly increased the revenue while lower-ing the rate of taxation. Notwithject of an action in the court the pub- sand by six cents, the tender would be lic will prefer to await the result of more likely to figure out as the lowest. standing the increase of foreign trade the trial before coming to a conclu-As the contract was awarded after he showed that the home industries public tender and to the lowest hidder had prospered more than ever before. He juoted the statement that the it would not he the business of the de-FULL INQUIRY PROMISED. Conservatives if returned would do as Cutside of any proceedings in the lations between the contractor and his much for St. John and the country as court, I shall feel it to be my duty partner or pariners. the Liberals. He said that an old to have very careful inquiry made into voter might not be influenced by any the whole matter, so that the govern arguments regarding the progress of ment and the country may be put in 1906, tenders were called for the addithe country. The young men, on the possession of the truth. tional dredging required at Sand Point. other hand, who were just making for which Mr. Mayes tendered at 90 It will throw some light upon the their way, were vitally interested in manner of man Mr. Mayes is, and of cents per cubic yard for silt and sand; \$5.60 for boulders less than two the question as to whether this pros- his persistent efforts to induce me to perity would continue or whether the grant nim favors if I refer to some of hands of the clock should be stopped his letters to mea by the return of the Conservative In one, under date of March 2nd. 1908, he used these words: "What I Turning to what the Liberal party had done for St. John, he reforred to think you can reasonably do is to have the department pay me for all boulthe fact that last year he had secured ders lifted or dredges by me at the \$300,000 for harbor improvements and had secured \$400,000 in this year's estisame rate the Dominion Dredging Company is receiving, namely, \$19.60 per cubic yard. This I have maintained mates. He told of the efforts that had been made by St. John for years to have from the start. Mr. McAvity had written concerning them several times two the bar at the entrance to the harbor removed. Not long after he had been years ago; and also at least \$1.25 per made Minister of Public Works, he cubic yard for this very hard ma- to expedite the work. had secured the dredge Fielding for terial." this work. It was then said that this Under his contract Mr. Mayes was was an election dodge. The people to receive \$8.60 per cubic yard for had gone against the late provincial boulders, for which he wished me to allow him \$19.60, and was receiving 55 government, but he had kept faith vith the people and the work cents per cubic yard for other material still being continued. for which you will see he now wished me to allow him \$1.25 per cubic yard, He had been informed by the viceso that at times Mr. Mayes was conpresident of the C. P. R. that they retending he should have 90 cents per garded the work as of the greates cubic yard, but in March he wrote meortance; as the ability of a steamer to enter or leave St. John herbor at urging he should have \$1.25, salled in any time would have argreat deal to with deciding whether they could MAYES' HIGH TENDERS. use St. John as a mail port. In a letter from Mr. Mayes of the The Minister pointed out that what because if I were had enough to re- the trude of the west increased an out-17th March, he complains of the Doceive any advantage from the contract, is it to be supposed that I would have would get a share of this trade, and he had done for St. John was not done minion Dredging Company having been merely because it was his constituency allowed the same price of 90 cents per but because it was in accord with the hesitated to meet the requests which to handle it we must provide facilicubic yara as he was receiving on his government's policy of developing Mr. Mayes and Mr. McAvity were mak- ties. The development of the Courtesecond contract. He says that had he ing from time to time we allow hay Bay do is must come. (Cheers.) Canadian ports. He showed what had been allowed to do this large amount been done to other ports in the Dothem more oredging work and at high- He said it would be political suicide of soft work he would have agreed to: minion to enable these ports to handle er prices than the original contract for St. John to furn down the Minister do it at 45 cents per yard. Whether provided for? If I were interested in of Public Works in this election. Mr. this contract and was getting any Wallace then brought his speech to a the growing trade of the country. 'He Mr. Mayes would have done so or not and his colleagues recognized that the may be judged from the fact that in development of St. John and the other esponse to the tenders recently called penefit from it, I might easily have close amid much applause. ports was necessary to carry out the by public advertisement, Mr. made it possible to give him further John A. Barry was the next speakdredging work to do and at the price er. In opening he told of the work policy of the government. of 90 cents fixed by the subsequent done by the Young Liberal Club and Dr. Pugsley said that by reason of tender for the work to the Mayes' south of Sand Point is 74 cents, and tender, and so have further enriched predicted that when the ballots were the sensational attempt made by Hon. for the work in Courtenay Bay -79 counted next week it would be found Mr. Hazen, premier of the province, cents, AND IF MR. MAYES WAS "The correspondence which has been that the club had erected a barrier and other Conservative leaders to in-WILLING TO DO THIS WORK FOR printed in the newspapers shows clear- that the Conservatives had been unable tipre him and the Liberal party by 45 CENTS IS IT NOT. STRANGE by that instead of taking this course T to surmount. Sectional party as as as a sage reading the solemn declaration of sect. THAT, HE SHOULD HAVE TENsimply discharged my duty and acted Turning to political issues he declar- shon S. Mayes, a disappointed dredg- DERED FOR IT AT 90 CENTS AND ed that the scandal charges of the op- ing contractor, at the Conservative FOR THIS LAST WORK AT 74 AND deposit of \$10,000 on Mayes' contract against the Mayes dredging contract They have orders now in for \$50,000 as any honest man would. "I want to say publicly that I had no position must be discussed in order to meeting held in St. John about a week '79 RESPECTIVELY'

how their falseness. He said that if ago, and the attempt since made by candals existed now they must have the Tory press to give a distorted view of matters connected with dredging at St. John, he felt it would be in the interest of truth to make a somewhat detailed reference to the matter. NEVER HELD BACK PAYMENTS.

> "It is absolutely untrue," said Dr. Pugsley, "that payment of Mr. Mayes" accounts was withheld on account of Mr. McAvity's claim. I have a telegram from the deputy minister of my department as follows:

"OTTAWA, Ont., Oct. 19, 1908. he dredge was examined by the super Hon. Wm. Pugsley, St. John, N. B.: intendent of dredging) "I had heard nothing, and I feared that DR. PUGS-"Final estimate fifty-five cent con-LEY WOULD DO NOTHING AND WOULD LEAVE ME IN THE LURCH ract July twenty-ninth, check mailed WITH A BIG PLANT ON MY ept. seventeenth; final estimate core HANDS." So we have him admitting July twenty-ninth, check mailed Sept. that he made to Mr. Osman the threats which that gentleman says he. wenty-first; final estimate four hunild make, and he gives as his reason ired foot extension, ninety cents, Sept. that he feared I would leave him in nineteenth, check mailed Sept. twen- his hands, and this is the excuse which this man offers for requesting Mr. Osty-second; final estimate South Rodman to induce me to purchase his siney wharf and six hundred foot exlence by using government, moneys to tension Sept. twenty-first, check nine buy his dredge at an exorbitant figure. thousand dollars mailed Sept. twenty-GLAD TO FACE THE SLANDER. ninth, five thousand ninety-one dollars,

eighty cents still owing. matter has been made public, because my opponents have been circulating (Sgd.) "J. B. HUNTER." the story that I was receiving some benefit from the Mayes dredging con-This shows that there was no delay

beyond that which is incident to the ordinary routine of the department. On the 24th August I had ordered ayment (subject of course to the engineer's certificates), and all moneys were paid in due course, with the ex-ception of about \$5,000 held back pend-THAT I WOULD HAVE HESITATED ng the completion of his contract with TO MEET THE REQUESTS WHICH the city for dredging the ships' berths, MR. MAYES AND MR. MCAVITY the payment for which to the city had : een assumed by my department, and therefore it was in the public interest that an amount should be withheld ER PRICES THAN THE ORIGINAL until this work was completed. It has not been completed, and the city has

now been compelled to ask me to do it with the government dredge Fielding. MAYES ADMITS REGULARITY.

In a speech which I made in St. John East a few nights age I stated that I OF 90 CENTS FIXED BY THE SUBhad in my possess on a letter from Mi Mayes IN WHICH HE SAID THAT FURTHER ENRICHED MYSELF. HE HAD RECEIVED HIS FIRST CONTRACT FOR DREDGING AT 55 CENTS AFTER TENDERING IN y that instead of taking this course THE REGULAR MANNER, I find this statement is contained in a letter under date of 26th December, 1907, in WOULD. which Mr. Mayssawas contending that I should cancel this contract of 55 cents and allow him 90 cents, the same as

he was receiving under his second contract, which had been granted after public tender, and also being the same amount as Hon. Mr. Fisher, when acting Minister, had agreed to give to the Dominion Dredging Company.

THE STATEMENTS OF MR. MAYES AS TO THE REGULARITY

I notice that Mr. Mayes has written especially as the government are holding some \$30,000 as a percentage. a letter to the Globe under date Ocober 16th last. In this letter, although THIS WOULD BE VERY ACCEPThe denies that he told Hon. Mr. Osman ABLE TO THE CONTRACTORS at as that in case the dredge were purchased early a date as possible," the contrac-tors to whom he refers presumably be-ing Mr. Mayes and himself. I men-tion this as conroborative of the state-ment which I have made that I knew he would provide \$20,000 toward the Liberal campaign fund, he does not deny that he told him that unless the dredge were purchased he would make the disclosure which he was threaten othing of the business relations being, or that he had led him to believe tween Mr. Mayes and Mr. McAvity that the note for \$2,000 had been given to me after I became Minister of Pubbeyond the fact that I thought they were partners in the dredging work. lic Works. Mr. Mayes uses this language in his letter to the Globe: "Since RESISTED PRESSURE FROM BOTH that time" (referring to the time when SIDES

It will be interesting to quote from one or two letters written by Mr. Mc-Avity... In one from him to me of the 14th October he says: "It appears that Mayes and Scammell- are at loggerheads" (Scammell being the engineer of my department at St. John.) "In this case I certainly do think Mayes is right and the aldermen are backing him up in the matter. I had a contidential chat with Baxter, and he informed me that there is no doubt in this narticular instance Scammell has exceeded his authority." In another art of this letter he says; "I wired you in hopes that you would give intructions to let Mayes' dredge go on with the work until you arrive here For one reason I am glad that the and you could go into the matter personally, for it does certainly seem to me rather childish and there appears to be more to this business than the mere matter of dredging. Mayes no tract. The correspondence which has doubt may be a hard man to get along already been published should be suffiwith, but the more I see of him I cient to prove that these insinuations think the man is perfectly honest and are infounded, EECAUSE IF I WERE means to do right (if he only knew how) and he wants to do things his BAD ENOUGH TO RECEIVE ANY ADVANTAGE FROM THE CONown way.". Notwithstanding, this let-TRACT, IS IT TO BE SUPPOSED ter, as will be seen by the published

carry out instructions of my chief engineer. Again in a letter under date of 23rd November Mr. McArity writeet "I had a call from Contractor Marse this a. m., re his Jd contract for 55, cent draden a contract for 55, cent WERE MAKING FROM TIME TO TIME TO ALLOW THEM MORE DREDGING WORK AND AT HIGHm., re his old contract for 55, cent dredging. As no doubt you are sware the two dredges are working on the very same piece of work, that is clear-ing off a lump to allow the cribs to float acnoss. This work is under Mayes old 55 cent contract and natur-ally it makes Mayes sore to have the dredge working alongside of him get-ting 90 cents and himself only 55 cents. There is no doubt that Mayes at 65 cents has lost mensy and will lose on the balance of his contract for this old work, and there is had always will be disstification while the other dredge is working alongside of him at 90 cents and his dredge only getting 55 cents. CONTRACT PROVIDED FOR? IF I WERE INTERESTED IN THIS CON-TRACT AND WAS GETTING ANY BENEFIT FROM IT, I MIGHT EAS-ILY HAVE MADE IT POSSIBLE TO GIVE HIM FURTHER DREDGING WORK TO DO AND AT THE PRICE SEQUENT TENDER, AND SO HAVE The correspondence which has been printed in the newspapers shows clear-SIMPLY DISCHARGED MY DUTY AND ACTED AS ANY HONEST MAN dge only getting 55 cents COULD NOT THE GOVE BE A LITTLE DESTONT WITH MAYES AND CANCEL THE OLD I WANT TO SAY PUBLICLY THAT CONTRACT AND ALLOW HIM TO HAD NO INTEREST, DIRECT OR FINISH UP AT THE SAME PRICE NDIRECT, OF ANY KIND OR DE-AS PAID THE DOMINION DREDG-CRIPTION, SEITHER WUTHO MR ING COMPANY?". On the same day MAYES OR MR. MCAVITY IN THIS Mr. Mayes wrote me a letter, which has DREDGING CONTRACT AND RE- already been published, urging CEIVED NO FENEFIT WHHAT same as Mr. McAvity, that his old EVER FROM THE MONEYS WHICH | contract at 55 cents per cubic yard MR. MCAVITY RECEIVED OUT OF THE DREDGING WORK. So far as be allowed to finish it up at the in-the relations between Mr. McAvity creased price of 90 cents, but I refused

not see its way clear to hold payme due pending a settlement of his claim. As I expected to be in St. John within a few days I allowed the matter to stand until I saw Mr. Mayes. When came to St. John I sent for him and then told him of the notice which I had received. He said that there was money coming to Mr. McAvity from the contract and stated that he would pay it provided I would undertake to ettle his claim for an additional allowance and also to purchase his dredge. It was in one of the conversa-tions about this time that he suggest-

ed the dredge might be bought through an agent, and that there would be a commission of \$20,000 for the Liberal campaign fund. This I regarded as a most improper proposal and told him. that while it would be of advantage to my department to purchase the dredge it must be purchased direct and at a price which my superintendent of dredging would certify to be fair and reasonable. Then after I received the letter of the 2nd August from Mr. Mayes I wrote him the letter of the 24th August, which has already been published, and, as before stated. immediately notified my deputy Miniister to pay the Mayes account, previded of course the engineer's certificates were on file that the work had been completed, and, as I have already stated, the only amount held back was the \$5,000 to meet the cost of completing the work of dredging the berth for the city, which I had been notified had not been completed. I have already shown you that at this time (24th August) the final certificate of the resident engineer had not reached my department.

The close of the Minister's speech was the signal for another burst of correspondence, I wired Mr. Scammell cheering. This was followed by cheers for the candidates, for Laurier and the



R. L. Borden, M.P., and . C. party at Quebec. on '07, said among other d not emphasize to you zens, of the province o nportance of strictly ad erms of the constitution. the province of Quebec hich you so zealous! so stoutly maintain are that constitution. Ther to my native province a the rights of the min en preserved and safe out any legislative enactso said this distribution A. Act, 1867 could not affected by the parlia ida upon the establishvinces and it was not but our duty to apply ovinces the exact pro-Confederation act withto restrict or amend vay. He further says that uously argued by e government and their the new clauses made for national schools and te schools in the ordin also pointed out the ignation of the Hon. Mr. question, which resigterwards withdrawn belement was made satisand to. Hon. Clifford inet Minister from the that reason, he said, noapprehended by the peoprovinces as to their orden further says that education was not dealt s 91 or 92 of the B. N. A. it that section 93 declared province the legislature ely make laws in relaion, subject to proviso. in any such law should ect any right or privirespect to denominawhich any class of perwe by law in any provne of the union. He furthat if it were proposed 3. N. A. Act to prohibit. schools he would be sed to that, as he was to of the government. the above statement of of the opposition surela e least, cowardly on the ascrvative leaders in the n the matter of the deound literature now bein the hope that this minds of the electors splendid record of the tration. My friends, almiv reason the great ampaign, the more conat you will support by influence the Liberal c 26th day of October truth and country. D. MCARTHUR.

B. Oct. 20. DISEASES IN RUS-

SIA. in the world are ins so frequently morta uldren, especially auf heria, measles, scarlatpox, literally decimate untry towns

myself.

as Mr. Mayes had assured me in the ready published, and which is as fol-Dec. 16th, 1907.

A CONVINCING DENIAL.

mary relieved the

As to the further work, in June,

A CHALLENGE.

Dear Sir,-I have had under careful TENDER and because he was the nsideration your letter of the 23rd lowest tenderer, and for no other reault., asking to be relieved of your contract of the 30th September, 1905, and In this connection I may state that after consulting with the chief enginee the records show that in Mr. Mayes' of my department and examining the second tender, while the price for contract and specifications very carefully I have come to the conclusion that it will not be possible to comply with your request, and I have therebeen in the previous tender, his price fore to ask that you will proceed as rapidly as possible and complete the work required under said contract. I shall be glad to learn from you how soon you will be able to complete this there, it may be well (though of course work.

> I am, yours very truly, (Sgd.) WILLIAM PUGSLEY. G. S. Mayes, Esq., St. John, N. B. NO FAVORS SHOWN.

In reply to this letter of 16th Decem ber, Mr. Mayes wrote me on the 26th of the same month, in which he says among other things: "If you are real-ly unable to do justice in this matter artment to inquire into the private reshall be obliged to prefer my request to the other ministers," and he closes

regret that after our many years of ex-M. P. P., of Woodstock, who was friendship you place me in avposition in town, mounted the baggage truck where I have to write you such a let- and speaking a few specific words to ter as this," so that you will see that quell the riot incidentally touched on felt that my duty compelled me to refuse to accede to the requests made by Mr. Mayes and Mr. McAvity, as not

cubic yards in bulk, and for being in the public interest. I treated rock (which was to include boulders them exactly as I would any contracexceeding two cubic yards) at \$19.90 tor doing work under my department per cubic yard. This tender was acto not claim any credit for this, cepted, presumably upon the report of neither do I claim any credit for rethe chief engineer that the price was fusing to purchase Mr. Mayes' dredge reasonable, and the contract was let. at a figure beyond what it was worth. by my predecessor at 90 cents per cubic simply did my duty. yard for material other than rock and. Mr. Mayes gives an explanation of boulders. Subsequently the work for why he tendered at 90 cents for the which these tenders was called was additional dredging work which was divided with the Dominion Dredging performed partly by him and partly by

Company at the same price in order the Dominion Dredging Co., in a letter to me under date of 4th May, 1908, in which he says: "My first contract was obtained at 55 cents upon the second occasion of tendering, there hav-Here I want to say that I defy Mr. ing been no other tenders the first Hazen or any of the Conservative lead-(In this respect he is mis time." ers, to whom I presume Mr. Mayes taken, because Messrs, Honey & Miller has given or will give access to all of Toronta tendered upon both occacorrespondence between him and my- sions), "During the performance of self as Minister, to show that in any that contract exceptional and unforeseen difficulties were experienced in instance I ever did anything improper in connection with the dredging work the way of hard pan, and boulders, or fayored him or Mr. McAvity at the From time to time as this occurred I expense of the public, although Mr. have called the attention of the de-Mayes and Mr. McAvity were con-tinually writing me and urging for sideration. At the request of the city favors in connection with the division of St. John the diredging was carried Mayes and Mr. McAvity were conof the work with the Dominion Dredgwork though very urgent, tenders were ing Co., and also in respect to the dredging upon the west side of the asked. MY TENDER WAS BASED Long wharf. In the latter case tenders were called for, and the tender of Mr. Mayes was \$1.10 per cubic yard, while that of the Dominion Dredging Co. was 90 cents. It will be noted from the corwas the only tenderer). respondence and from Mr. Mayes' affiwas that I refused to make him an davit that one of the grievances which extra allowance for the dredging of the fire was heroic. The building, was he had against me was that I gave the contract to the Dominion Dredging Co. Instead of to him, although their tender was 20 cents per cubic yard

tender was 20 cents per cubic yard lower than his. In a letter dated 4th October, 1907, from Mr. McAyity he says as follows: "T thought it probably advisable to drop you a line to remind you re the McAvity stating that he had a claim be at work in their new steel factory. that you thought would be refunded, and asking me if the government-could worth of glass matter.

shout of welcome. So extreme did the . excitement go that a delegation was sent to the school house and the principal was persuaded to let the scholars go to assist in cheers for Smith. When the train rollied in there was a large crowd, but half of the cheers were for Carvell, much to the surprise of the other party. Hon. J. K. Flemming got a baggage ruck for a rock-drum, placed the premier in the middle, Smith at one end and himself at the other. "The uren mier will now give you a twenty minute address," cried Mr. Flemming, "and hope you will listen attentively Hurrahs for Carvell went up in the air .

stopped for the passengers to dine.

The address was of course to be in

support of the Conservative candidate.

All the young Tories in town hustled

for recruits to assist in raising a

from a hundred throats and cheer after cheer for the Liberal candidate arose so long and loud that the dis comfited premier stepped down without having uttered a word....

One man, a recent acquisition to the Tory ranks, picked up a stone with the evident intention of giving some one a murderous blow, but he was quickly disarmed. Premier Hazen came to test the sentiments of the community of the village and received it in no uncertain tone. To complete the rout

the letter by saying: "I extremely of the Conservatives B. Frank Smith, politics and was given a good hearing.

> FACTORY DESTROYED Heroic Work of Steel Workers

Saves Outbuildings and

Offices

-----NEW, GLASGOW, N. S. Oct. 20.-Humphrey Bros.' glass factory at Trenton was destroyed by fire this morning. They had just resumed operations after the usual three months shutting down, and the night shift had finished their work and the day shift had been at work only ten minutes when a brick at the back of the furnace gave way, when a stram of molin toward Union street and for this ton glass came out and ignited some inflammable material and immediately the factory building was in flames. An ON MY EXPERIENCE UNDER MY alarm was given and in ten minutes FIRST CONTRACT and was 90 cents 500 steel workers men were on hand per yard." (Mr. Mayes was mistaken and although the wind was blowing as to this also because in this case he strongly they succeeded in confining vas the only tenderer). the flames to the factory, and the One of Mr. Mayes' strong grievances warehouse and offices escaped. The work of these men in confining

As to the statement of Mr. Mayes rey Bros. are not to be downed, and